



The Honourable Lady Bustamante, OJ

March 8, 1912 - July 25, 2009



*Memorial Service
to honour & celebrate
the life of*

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March 8, 1912 – July 25, 2009

on Sunday, September 20, 2009

at 3:00 p.m.

Revivaltime Tabernacle

*4340 Dufferin Street
Toronto*



"I do not believe that God's gift to me could have been greater than that which made my life so full of concern for others, knowledge of how to improve their lives and energy with which to give them whatever help was possible. I strongly believe that it was God's decision that I should link my life with Sir Alexander Bustamante, for through him, I have been able to do everything possible to contribute in my simple way to creating a better life for the people of my country... I will go to my Maker with a clear conscience and the same happy disposition that has marked my days on earth."

- From The Memoirs of Lady Bustamante



Officiating Clergy:

Bishop Dr. Audley N. James
Revivaltime Tabernacle

Bishop Dr. C. Lloyd Battiste
Redemption Faith Ministries Intl.

Rev. Anthony Chung
Ossington Baptist Church

Musical accompaniment provided by
Revivaltime Church Band

Order of Service

Processional

Anthems

Canadian National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The true north strong and free,
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Jamaican National Anthem

Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty Hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours,
To our leaders, Great Defender,
Grant true wisdom from above,
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above,
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Yanique Williams

Welcome and Opening Sentences

Bishop Dr. C. Lloyd Battiste
Redemption Faith Ministries

Hymn – How Great Thou Art

Congregation

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Prayer

Rev. Anthony Chung
Ossington Baptist Church

Scripture Reading – Esther 8:1-7 & 11-17

Clive Banton
Jamaican Diaspora Canada Foundation

Musical Selection

Malvern Methodist Youths

Prime Minister's Tribute

Her Excellency Evadne Coye
High Commissioner for Jamaica



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Musical Selection

Lori-Ann Williams-Smith
Redemption Faith Ministries

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 31

Sharon Ffolkes-Abrahams
Jamaican Diaspora Canada Foundation

Tribute

Evelyn Sangster-Barnes
Adopted Daughter

Dance

Hope Collymore
Praise Cathedral Worship Centre

Offertory Hymn – Great is Thy Faithfulness *Congregation*
(Part proceeds to Bustamante Hospital for Children)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Blessing of the Offering

Dr. C. Lloyd Battiste
Redemption Faith Ministries

Poem

Letna Allen-Rowe
Chairperson – Planning Committee

Musical Selection

Jam-Can Singers
Praise Cathedral Worship Centre

Remembrance

Howard Shearer
Godson

Musical Selection

Homily

Revivaltime Tabernacle Choir

Bishop Dr. Audley N. James
Revivaltime Tabernacle

Acknowledgements

Letna Allen-Rowe
Chairperson – Planning Committee

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Bishop Dr. Audley N. James
Revivaltime Tabernacle

Recessional Hymn - The Lord's My Shepherd

Congregation

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.



Excerpts from
Tributes to Lady Bustamante

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST HON. SIR PATRICK ALLEN, ON, GCMG, CD
Governor General of Jamaica

Lady Bustamante played a seminal role in nation building and provided a steady hand to help maintain unity and social cohesion at some of the most difficult times in our history. She was a humble and distinguished person, someone who did not allow her position in society to cause her to lose touch with ordinary people. Her work in the social and political arenas as well as the trade union movement touched many lives. She was truly a forerunner of what is today regarded as social transformation, through her dedication to improving the social conditions of workers and their families.

THE HON. BRUCE GOLDING, MP
Prime Minister of Jamaica

If we were to identify the ideal qualities of womanhood it would represent the mould from which Gladys Maud Bustamante was made. If Jamaica needed a role model of loyalty, selflessness, and complete devotion to not only the man she adored but the cause for which he struggled and the people for whom he fought, we needed to look no further than Lady B. Lady Bustamante's life and experiences are, in so many ways, the story of Jamaica as it made the transition from colonialism to Independence to nation building. The boundless love she earned from the Jamaican people, which she takes with her to her final resting place, is worth far more than all the honours we have bestowed on her.

THE MOST HON. PORTIA SIMPSON MILLER, MP
Leader of the Opposition – Jamaica

Lady Bustamante had grace; she had style; she had courage and determination. Her impact on the Jamaican people was felt from the docks of downtown Kingston to the cane fields in Westmoreland. Anywhere the 'Chief' was required to go in the battle for the rights of the working class, Lady B went. Although there was never a question of her party affiliation, she was never involved in divisive partisan actions. She had friends and associates from all sides of the political spectrum. Lady B has left a history and a legacy that we should all emulate.

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BUSTAMANTE INDUSTRIAL TRADE UNION

Lady B can be regarded as a heroine of the labour movement, as she has served for more than 60 years in the movement as a strong friend and supporter of the workers. Lady B had a personality that never changed. She has talked with crowds, and kept her virtue; walked with Kings and not lose the common touch. She came from the bowels of the working class, from an unappreciated rural environment, at a time when the rights of women were not very well respected and when women were not largely recognized as potential leaders.

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Bustamante Hospital for Children

(Lady B served as Patron of the Hospital for 32 years – from 1977-2009)

The Bustamante Hospital for Children, which opened in 1963, is the only specialist pediatric facility in the English-speaking Caribbean. It was a former Military Hospital used by the British Army and was given to the Jamaican government by the British Government following Jamaica's Independence in 1962. The Hospital is a major referral institution committed to the care and well being of children from birth to 12 years old, providing preventative, curative and rehabilitative care. Its patient population is drawn from all across the island and also other Caribbean countries.

The delivery of excellent service has been bolstered by the many philanthropic contributions from local organizations as well as overseas entities. Services offered by the hospital include – General Medicine, Cardiology, Neurology, Asthma/Respiratory, Nephrology, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Child Guidance, Nutrition, General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Urology, Ears, Nose & Throat (ENT), Plastic and Burns, Cardio-thoracic, Dental, Accident & Emergency overnight suites for parents, a trained teacher for patients and a medical social worker.

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